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Changsha delegation

A delegation from Changsha Vocational University in China is visiting Niagara from Feb. 25 to March 20 to learn more about Ontario's college system.
Pictured from left to right are associate professor Luo Xiao Fan; George Repar, Niagara College director, planning, research and development; Yang Rong-Gui, president of Changsha; Yang Jian Gen, Changsha Education Commission official; and interpreter Wu You-jia.

Board of Directors stops SAC plan

By SHELLEY MOORE
Staff Writer

The Board of Directors has denied the Student Administrative Council's proposals to hire a neutral chairperson and eliminate the position of vice-president of athletics.

At a Feb. 20 meeting both proposals were defeated when they failed to receive the two-thirds majority required for consitution changes, while the proposal to change the title of social convener to vice-president of social affairs was passed unanimously.

Randy Conlon, SAC president was "shocked and really disappointed in administration," he said after the meeting. "They came into out meeting, listen to 10 minutes of debate and decided against it."

"It was a big slap in the face," he said. "They might as well have patted us on the head and said, 'nice try'."

Elaine Wilson, group representative, said the administration "continues to undermine the student council — those elected by the students to make decisions for the students."

The Board of Directors, whose duty it is to manage and guide the council, consists of Bette Ferguson, director of student services; Gary LaRose, director of financial services; Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration; Sandy Fox, budget officer; and the Student Administrative Council members.

IN JUST 30 SECONDS

"Hans, Bette, Sandy, and Gary have never attended any council meetings," Elaine said. "They came into one and defeated a decision made collectively and unanimously by execs and reps who have been making decisions for seven months. They defeated us (the council) in less than 30 seconds. It is maddening and I'm very disappointed."

The four members of adminstration voted as a block against Randy's suggestions to hire a neutral chairperson and replace the vice-president of athletics with an athletic representative.

Mr. van der Slagt opposed hiring a neutral chairperson saying, "You (the council) are costing yourselves an extra $800 a year."

Randy would like to see a neutral chairperson hired because for the first term of school the president has to "chair all meetings and remain neutral, and it was really hard for me."

"The student body sees the president as a leader and part of that leadership is chairing the meetings," Mr. van der Slagt said. If the chairperson feels strongly about an issue," it would be appropriate to step out of the chair to comment and vote."

Randy said he feels strongly about everything the council discusses. "That's why I ran for president and that's why other people have run for it in the past and others will in the future."

The proposal was defeated with a seven to four vote.

KEEP VP

Mr. Larose proposed that the council keep the position of vice-president of athletics and lower or eliminate the honorariums.

"I don't feel there is enough work to justify having a paid vice-president of athletics," Randy said.

This will say something to the students, Mr. LaRose said. One of the council's biggest contributions is to athletics. "If I were giving $75,000 to $80,000 a year, I'd

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Bill Ford:

Ministry may allow local bargaining

By BLAIR BURGESS
Staff Writer

The ministry of colleges and universities has decided to allow collective agreements on a local level — a decision that is still to be approved, Bill Ford, president of ACCATO, said.

The extension of bargaining rights to part-time employees and the establishment of a compulsory employers' association composed of the college boards of governors were other "big surprises" to come out of last month's Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario conference.

The announcement, made at Toronto's Royal York Hotel, by Lyn McLeod, Minister of Colleges and Universities, still has to pass the scrutiny of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and the Ontario legislature.

"Legislation to implement these decisions will be introduced as soon as possible, while a firm commitment will be made by mid 1991 at the latest," Mr. Ford said.

"Colleges have until March 31 to send their comments to the ministry."

RESPONSE TO GANZ

The status report, presented by Mrs. McLeod, was a response to last year's report of the Colleges Collective Bargaining Commission (the Ganz Report).

Other highlights are: the transfer of bargaining and salary administration responsibilities of the Council of Regents to the Employers' Association; the exclusion of college presidents from participation, in their capacity as board representatives or delegates to the association, in association activities relating to the establishing of presidents' terms and conditions of employment; the non-extension of the College Relations Commission to include judicial or quasi-judical functions.

A number of outstanding issues will be addressed during the legislative drafting process including bargaining procedures, ratification requirements, system-wide grievances, and composition of bargaining units.

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This is the final edition for second-year journalism students as they pass on the reins to the first-year class. Our year, in all its splendor, is chronicled on page 4.

Jess, this call's for you

By TERRY MOORE
Staff Writer

When the phone rang one Friday in late January, the call was not for Helen Slade. Nor were the dozen other calls that followed. The calls were for Jessica Tate.

"The very day it was published, I didn't even have my coat off when the phone rang," Mrs. Slade, a Niagara College English teacher, said. The caller was Paul Hutchinson, a Niagara English teacher, who welcomed the dog into his family almost a month ago. Mr. Hutchinson has a wife and three children who were "in between dogs at the right time for Jess."

Mrs. Slade put Jess up for adoption in the Jan. 27 issue of the Niagara News. An error in the story stated Jess, then age 2, won a St. Catharines pet show in 1985. That should have read 1980.

"I didn't really expect such a big response. It was wonderful," although she felt badly for turning down those with such nice homes to offer. Most of the callers were staff members; two were students.

GOOD HEALTH

"It took a couple of weeks to get everyone acquainted," during which Mrs. Slade had Jess checked by the veterinarian who found her in excellent health.

Jess went to her new home Feb. 12. "They're very good to her...she's very well cared for."

The dog has a spacious yard for leisurely strolls, a beautiful wooded area in front of her home, and "has company all day — that's wonderful," she said.

"I really miss her a great deal, but that's the downside; the upside is the freedom from anxiety, knowing Jess is not alone. I went to see her Feb. 21. It was really hard to leave. I know she expected to come with me. I know Jess expected me to take her home."

Mrs. Slade said her daughter, Dagney, who owned the dog, although saddened, has resigned herself to the fact that Jess needs a good home. "She's shed her tears, but when one considers the alternatives, it's just one of those things."

A fleeting moment

Yes, there is a winter somewhere with clean white snow and clear smooth ice, but it's a few hundred miles north where birch and fir trees reign and white-tailed deer frolic with snow-white bunnies. Seconds before the shutter released on this serene setting, a pair of leapers disappeared through the brush, over the crest of this gentle incline, followed by their photo-shy, furry friends.

Photo by Gail Atkinson

U.S. girl reaches out to bring about change

Dear Editor:

I am an American college student writing to you again in hopes of establishing a new line of communications between us.

The elections in both the United States and Canada brought new hopes for the future on the environment including acid rain. The recent summit between Prime Minister Mulroney and President Bush set a new policy tone on the issue of acid rain. Bush made promises but I'd really like to see if he keeps his word.

What do you think of the change of U.S. policy by the Bush administration on Acid Rain? Do you think it's a play to make Mulroney happy or he's really a environmentalist?

One thing I have noticed is we take each other for granted too much. I'd like to see that change.

Why can't we set up a NCCC and Niagara College of App. Arts and Technology International College Student Senate or Council to really talk about issues like the environment, the arms race, and most importantly the impact of Free Trade. What do you think of the idea?

To me I think it's the best way for our two nations to really understand each other.

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The Editor in Chief is Lori Tipton.

Sincerely
Amy McQuay

Letters to the Editor

Solidarity at Empire Street

Dear Editor:

I would be remiss if I did not comment on the article Jackie hears terrorists, Vol. 19 No. 12.

Indeed I did tell president Robarts that I was happy with Empire Street, but it was untrue; I was ecstatic with Empire Street. For the first time in 10 years, I had space, and above all, I had a door. I thought I would have a chance to settle, but this article tells me I am temporarily esconced here. I'm beginning to feel like a nomad. Am I to loose my door?

My students and I have endured a great deal, but like all professional artists and designers, we are adaptable and inventive. Together we have survived.

It is true the toilets are old, the roof leaks and is a safety hazard. It is true what equipment we have is old and does break down. And it is true that communication with the main campus is poor. Whilst these factors are annoying, we, as a team, can function to our usual high standards.

It is also true that both my students and I went to the Board, and they did listen. I do not intend to go into detail, but the $40,000 mentioned had to pay a salary, buy essentials, such as desks and some workable pieces of equipment — not bad for $40,000.

Perhaps Mr. Van der Slagt could apply some of our know how?

However, contrary to president Robarts observation concerning us presenting a "real capital problem," let me state that we do not represent any such problem. We need someone to listen, an art being lost in a society which each day erodes our humanity. A society that cannot call a human being a student, preferring to use the term "revenue base" instead.

Niagara College is students, not revenue bases. Niagara College caring, pride, team work and respect, not things, never revenue bases.

I thank president Robarts and the Board for Empire Street, I thank them for my door.

As for my "terrorist," God bless 'em. Someone hopefully listened; perhaps now someone will act.

K.E. Cosgrove
program co-ordinator
for terrorist action
Niagara College

Chef thanks News writer

Dear Editor:

I am writing to congratulate Mark Tayti, staff writer, on a fine article regarding the Cook Apprenticeship Program which appeared in the 1989 02 17 issue of the Niagara News.

We take great pride in providing the best training to our students and the best of meals to our clientelle here at the Rainbow Hotel Centre. Mark's article seemed to capture the essence of our endeavours and certainly described the evening's menu to perfection. It was clear that Mark paid particular attention to the contents as well as the preparation of the various courses and, it would seem, enjoyed the pleasure of sampling them as well.

Thank you, Mark, for your time and kudos. Both were greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,
Felix Bussmann
Teaching Master
Cook Apprenticeship Program

SAC boss answers

Dear Editor

I am writing in resonse to Bernie Puchalski's editorial that appeared in the Feb. 17, 1989, edition of the Niagara News.

To start things off, I agree with Bernie when he said that the students have a right to know where the money goes.

However, I am not willing to release figures to the school until I consult with my fellow council members.

I don't make decisions like that on my own. If I did, I'd be over my head in conflict with fellow council members — something SAC doesn't need now, or ever.

I wouldn't call this "the beginning of a dictatorship,"; if a student individually wants to know our financial situation, he can come to the office anytime. However, I am not going to release the figures to the public without council's consultation.

And, Bernie, the next time you want to talk about SAC's financial situation, speak with our vice-president of Finance — that's why we have one!

And yes, the students have a right to know how much money we lost, but let's face it, do they really care?

No, Randy is not taking the "S" out of SAC; the students of Niagara College are.

Randy Conlon
SAC president

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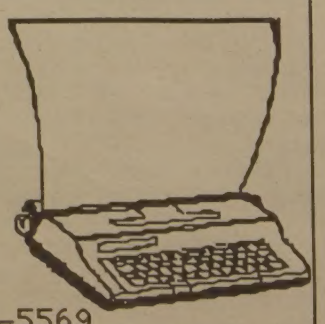

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Alcoholics Anonymous meeting available weekly at Niagara College, Welland campus. Contact Special Needs office, L-7, or phone 732-6653, ext. 496.

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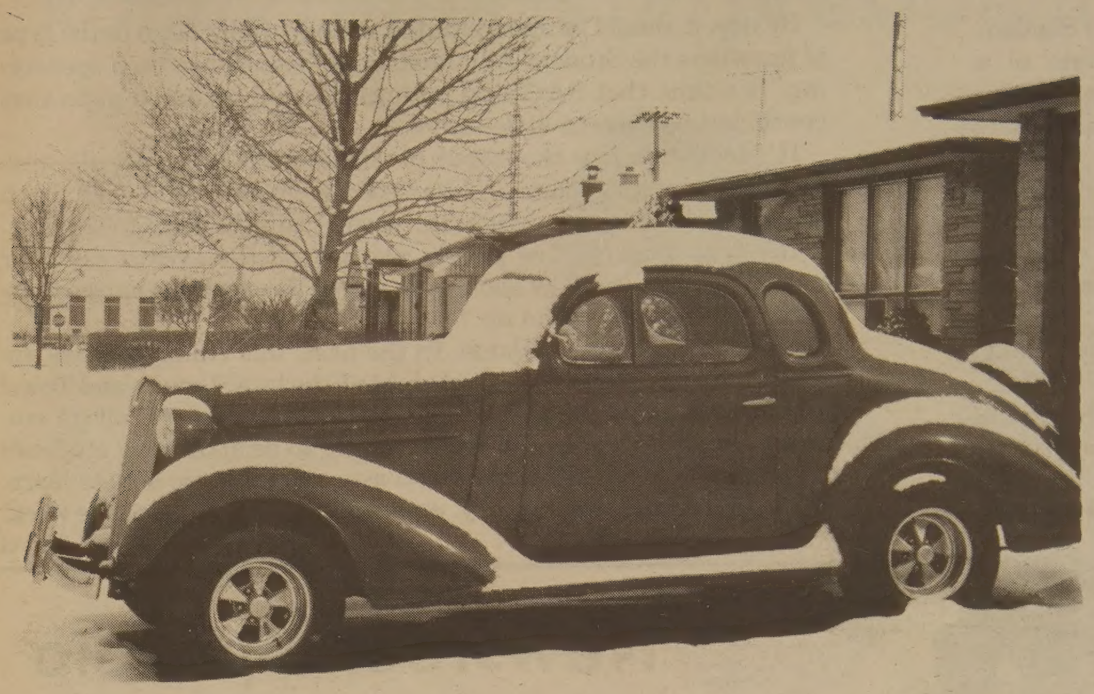

With paid parking to take effect next fall, this person reserved a spot early. It won't help; payment of the fee will not guarantee a parking space according to the proposed policy. The rate will be $60 for staff, $40 for full-time students and $20 for part-time staff as the college expects to raise $106,200.
Photo by Shelley Moore

Expects parking to raise $106,200

By ERIC BEYER
Staff Writer

Niagara College staff and students "having a need for parking space" will need to buy permits, Peter Cridland said.

Mr. Cridland, chairman of the parking committee, was commenting on Niagara's proposed parking policy.

Parking will be free in the summer and those who no longer drive to school will get refunds, according to the official policy.

The policy — under which full-time staff will pay $60 a year, full-time students $40 and part-time staff $20 — was passed by the President's Operating Committee Feb. 16. If it passed the administrative affairs committee yesterday, it will be on the agenda for the Board of Governors meeting March 30, the final hurdle before implementation in September.

Payment of permit fees does not guarantee that parking space will be available according to the policy. Official copies of the policy and a question and response supplementary section have been sent to each College Council member to bring to next Tuesday's Council meeting.

Other main points include:

☐There will be paid parking from September to June, with free parking in July and August.

☐New full-time employees, starting between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31, pay $60 and between Feb. 1 and June 30 pay $30.

☐No tickets will be issued during the first two weeks of September and January.

☐Sponsored students are not charged, and fees for continuing education students will be built into the administration fee.

☐For student or staff who no longer drive to school there is a pro-rated refund schedule.

☐The college does not withhold any money from fines; parking violations are payable directly to the City of Welland.

The policy garnered many questions at the last College Council meeting Feb. 14 and is on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting.

Tom Fraser, Council chairman who initially asked for the policy for Council to look at, said council cannot change the parking policy, but only "advise" the president about it.

The first year forecast of parking revenue is $106,200, of which $18,000 comes from full-time employees; $1,500 from part-time employees; $40,000 from post-secondary students; $44,700 from other student permit fees; and $2,000 from electronic meter controlled parking.

A three-year budget expenditure forecast shows an expenditure of $171,500 for the first year, $78,750, and $81,750.

Members of the parking committee, formed last June, who devised the policy are Peter Cridland, chairman, manager of purchasing; Jack Spittle, director of property and plant services; Tony Backler, chairman of electronics/electrical division; Marlene Cain, college audit officer; and Hilda Belcastro, college buyer.

An initial proposal went to Miss Robarts in June, which was changed and accepted by the president in September. Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, then reviewed it and presented it to the joint academic/administration operations committee Nov. 23.

The policy went back to the joint committee on Dec. 14 with added income and expenditure forecasts.

Before the policy is implemented the temporary parking spots northeast of the Tecumseh Centre will be paved and expanded by 200 spaces, providing a total of 1,529 spaces and the provision for overflow parking.

Budget report predicts deficit cut by $500,000

By FRAN YANOR
Staff Writer

The "growth and efficiency-orientated" Operating Budget report forecasts a $64,000 shortfall for 1989/90, a $500,000 reduction in deficit for 1988/89 and a potentially reduced deficit of $1.6 million for 1990/91 and 1991/92.

The report, unanimously approved by the Board of Governors Feb. 23, "prepares the way for a long-term financially stable condition for the college, assuming a level of funding from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities that is at least equal to the inflationary increases that (the college) will experience in both our salary and non-salary costs."

The report stressed that the 1988/89 and 1989/90 strategies "would have put the college back into a financially viable position if it had not been for the shortfall in funding from the ministry for 1989/90."

The budget strategies — based on certain assumptions that could change as circumstances change — will reduce the 1989/90 deficit from $746,000 to $64,000. This represents a net savings of $682,000 based on projected ministry funding, a review of all staffing positions with a view of "eliminating or consolidating" functions, efficiency-improvement and cost-reduction measures, improved marketing and some issues "not yet clarified." Cancelled and suspended programs will not be reinstated.

CUT $882,000

These savings result from $882,000 of cuts from the academic, administrative and president's groups; 75 per cent, 23 per cent, and two per cent respectively.

Though the report did not address the 1988/89 deficit it indicated the $1.3 million would be paid off through the "development/sale of surplus properties." The land on the Welland campus is expected to yield $500,000 towards balancing that figure "after costs and based on an outright sale." The report also took the "speculative position" that the St. Catharines campus would not be sold but would yield a minimum of $1.2 million based on the same criteria.

"Updated" projections for the years 1990/91 and 1991/92 show a deficit of about $1.6 million "owing largely to a shortfall in funding from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities."

PROJECTIONS DIFFICULT

The report noted projections beyond one year are "extremely difficult" because major items, such as employee salary adjustments, ministry grant increases, and the levels of government training activity purchases are "outside of the control of the college."

The report points out the "difficulty" in the interim period 1990/91 and 1991/92 relating directly to the ministry's inadequate level of funding and said, "It is very difficult for administration at the college to see how we can live within projected funding ... without cutting back on services that will seriously undermine (the college's) ability to maintain enrolment at viable levels."

Specific budget costs and savings recommended for 1989/90 are:

EMPLOYEE ADJUSTMENTS

☐ $395,000 savings — 13 full-time positions to be "eliminated and not replaced" — four through layoffs, and the remaining reflecting "reorganization within a department, restructuring of a program or reduction of activity."

☐ $191,000 savings — 11 full-time positions vacated through resignations, retirements, or leaves to be replaced by eight part-time positions as a result of department reorganization, "restructuring of program delivery or a reduction of activity" and three to be replaced by a different lower-rated position to reflect a "change in function."

☐ $125,000 cost — full-time salary changes as a result of staff returning from professional development leaves and long-term disability.

☐$95,000 savings — decrease of part-time staffing to reflect "reductions in activity or restructuring of programs or services."

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Voting March 29

Slow start to election

By press time yesterday only one nomination kit had been picked up for the Student Administrative Council elections March 29. The kits are available at the SAC office in the Tecumseh foyer.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said the students aren't picking up the kits because they don't know about them. Posters, ready to go up since Monday, were not put up early in the week by the poster people hired by the council for the purpose.

"They can still pick up the kits, but they're only cutting their campaigning time short," Donna said.

"I just don't want to see anybody acclaimed this year," Randy Conlon, SAC president, said.

Campaigning begins March 16 and runs to March 28.

There will be 11 polling boths: one in the Tecumseh foyer, the mini-caf, the main cafeteria, the Merritt building, the Simcoe building, the MacKenzie building, the Empire Street Centre, Theatre Arts Centre, Hotel and Restaurant Administration in Niagara Falls, and the Horticulture and Mack Centres in St. Catharines.

Canadians impress Changsha group

A delegation from Changsha University has found Canadians friendly and are impressed by what they've seen. "We have come here to further develop relationships between Changsha University and Niagara College," Yang Rong-Gui, president of Changsha University, said through interpreter Wu You-jia.

The visit, part of the four-year-old twinning of Niagara College and Changsha Vocational University, is the first time senior Chinese administrators have visited Niagara.

Mr. Rong-Gui "brings greetings to teachers and students from China and we extend a warm welcome for you to come visit, study, and even work in China."

The delegation of president Gui, associate professor Luo Xiao Fan, and Yang Jian Gen, a Changsha Education Commission official, visiting the college from Feb. 25 to March 20 to "work, learn, meet and talk," with Niagara faculty, George Repar, director of planning, research and development, said.

OTHER COLLEGES

During their visit here, they will visit other colleges like Conestoga, Mohawk and Sheridan. The group will meet with Ministry of College and Universities officials and Council of Regents chairman, Charles Pascal, who taught at Changsha in 1986, Mr. Repar said.

Tourism will be a focal point of the visit because China wants to attract foreign visitors and currency but doesn't have the training systems to handle skill requirements. he said.

Ooops

A typographical error in the Feb. 17 edition of the Niagara News obscured the "disparity" between university and college funding. Current funding levels are $1.7 billion for universities and $0.7 billion for colleges, Garth Jackson, vice-president of academics at George Brown College, told the College Council.

Editorials

Time for change

SAC finance needs pro

Year after year, the same problems recur to plague the Student Administrative Council: student apathy and complaints of a breakdown in communication. With a SAC election coming up this month, perhaps the time has come for an entirely new approach to student government.

The position of SAC president should be a full-time job paying $10,000 yearly and candidates should take a year off from their studies. In addition, SAC should hire a full-time business manager.

The diverse field of SAC involvement makes it impossible for a full-time student to run an effective corporation.

SAC handles a great deal of money. A business manager would act as the top-level civil servant performing administrative duties and staying on top of business ventures. Entrusting a budget of almost $150,000 to a group of students whose business sense and experience are limited is fiscally risky.

Bernie Puchalski

Entertaining enigmas

Who can afford them?

By now it should be apparent that nobody wants to go to the type of functions the Student Administrative Council has been sponsoring. It's time that SAC stop taking financial baths on pubs that continue to generate little interest.

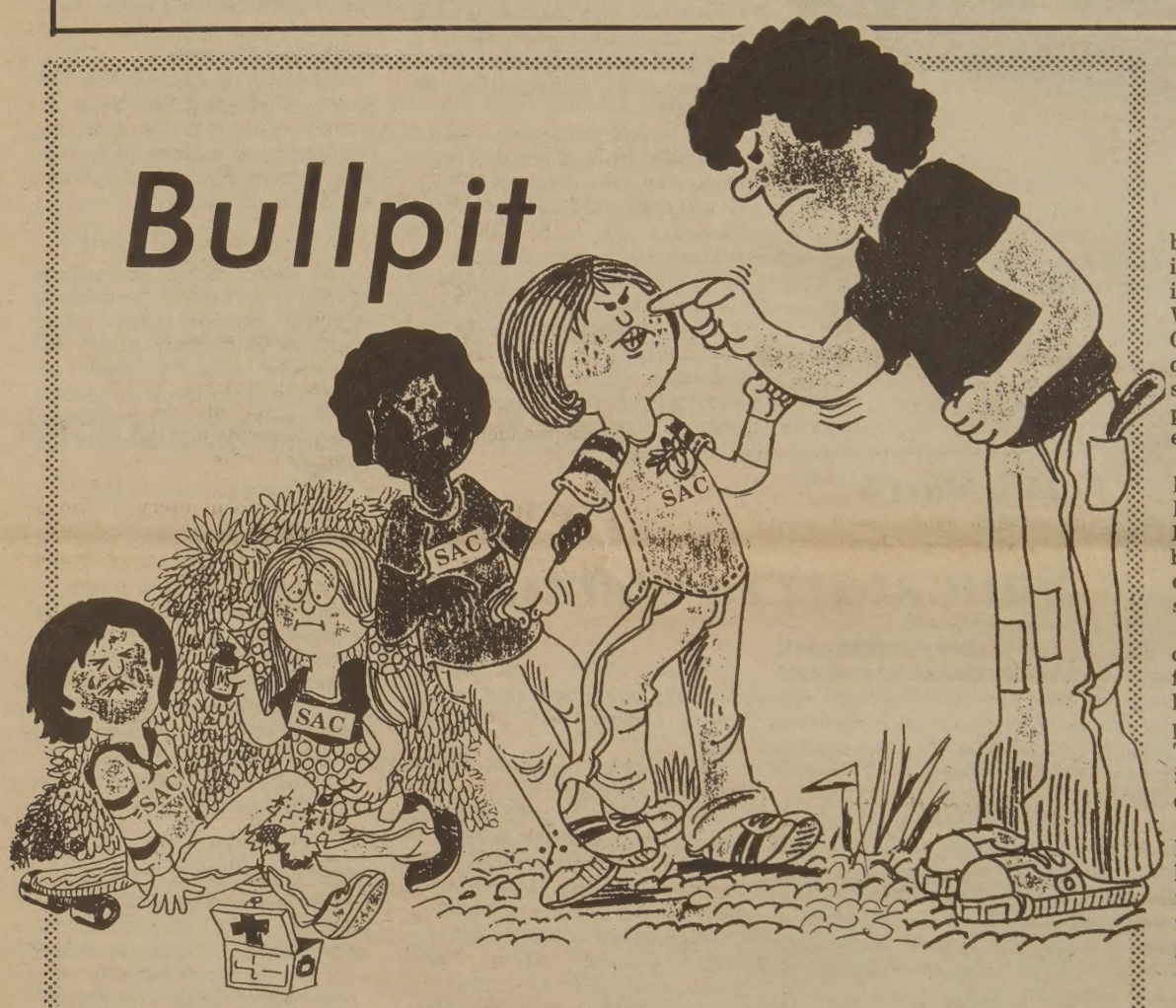
It's foolish to lose thousands of dollars on booking popular performers for empty rooms. A less expensive band would yield much the same effect as the night progressed — and the beers took effect.

It's true that the few people who attend the events get their money's worth, but why should the rest of the students have to subsidize the students who do ?

SAC, you are not to blame. In the past, this Animal House image of beer guzzling on a school night at the local Trough and Towel was perceived as the normal behavior for the typical college student. Lately, however, the colleges seem to be attracting students who are not at school for the social aspects. They are here to learn. They have little time to party, especially in the middle of the week.

Mark Tayti

Bullpit



So you think you're tough

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

There's a bully on campus showing everyone who's boss. And just before the winter break, the bully threw a deadly blow upon the Student Administrative Council. The bully's name? Administration.

The bully did a terrible thing; he delivered a vote of non-confidence to SAC and the students of Niagara College.

Here's what went down. Administration was invited to a meeting — a formality really — and asked to give final ratification to constitution amendments voted upon and approved by the student council. But instead, the council received a slap in the face.

The bully decided, after hearing a five-minute explanation about the changes, that SAC's decision, made collectively by the elected council, are pure fluff.

Who was SAC trying to impress? To think they could actually make decisions on their own! Silly children!

I hope that those representing the administration attended the bulk of SAC's regularly scheduled meetings and studied the minutes of all the meetings so their decision was an educated one, as educated as SAC's decision was after the the constitution sub-committee pored over the amendments for more than six months.

Perhaps at the initiation of the school year, the students of Niagara College should save themselves some time, elimininating the middle man. Send your student activity fee cheques to administration. Make it out to B-I-G B-R-O-T-H-E-R.

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Newsroomophobia

The first early rays of light bathe the Simcoe building. Inside, in room 212, a new day is dawning on the staff of Niagara News, Welland's version of One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest. Another day of stinging rebukes, shelleyisms, crude comments, public humiliations and unabashed mental instability.

Mark has been in for hours. He has already written 12 stories and has typeset the entire next issue. He sits with a perturbed look on his face trying to figure out which crude comment made the nice girl slap him in the face.

Austin Jelbert, program coordinator, is sequestered in his office. Everyone out of the corner of his eye observes his mood and plan their actions accordingly. The daily quota of butt-kicking is inevitable and excuses are planned as meticulously as stories.

Gail (Carmelita, The Beauty Pageant Runnerup) has arrived looking especially fine in one of the sweaters which earned her the title Miss Sweater 1989. She says good morning to Shelley who snarls an undecipherable reply.

Julie is happy again today and she smiles as she eats. Her joy and happiness are resented by the hard-core faction of cynics within the journalism class. Her demeanor draws comparison to the Mary Tyler Moore Show.

Envy

Theresa walks in to the hiss of jealous females, envious of her upcoming nuptials. Her son Justin is not with her, having been banned from the newsroom for life, for spilling drinks.

Slice and dice begins. Barbara Blue, journalism instructor, leads the class into a riveting destruction of classmates' work. Kindness is a missing element. If your work appears on the first overhead you are doomed. The second overhead is only a slightly better fate. The good lead on the third overhead is instantly trashed by the unseeing mob.

Suddenly, Fran walks in, LATE AGAIN. She brings Mrs. Blue a muffin and a large Irish Creme coffee. All her classmates know what trick she is up to. She is still trying to make up for buying the "grotesque mug."

"Oh, Mr. Jelbert, you look just like Tom Cruise with those glasses on," she gushed enthusiastically. Loud choking and kissing sounds are silenced by Mr. J's stern glare and belief in the likelihood of Fran's comparison.

Eric, meanwhile, ponders the philosophical meaning of slice and dice. As Sno King, it is his divine right. Mrs. Blue shakes her head and gives him a glare which is usually reserved for the "its" mistake or the dreaded commaless phrase in apposition.

Shelley breaks the tension by *making a joke befitting the* daughter of a 52-year old man who wears acid-washed hightops. Her humor brings a smile to all who hear her down-home country quips.

"I'm hungry."

"Glad to meet you, I'm Shelley."

Sarcasm

Bernie counters with a searing rebuttal, instinctive sarcasm underlying his every syllable. He has no time for witty conversation today; he must move quickly to avoid groping hands.

Terry is quiet today. Yesterday's diatribe about people handing in four-page stories has been silenced by the six-page gem she hammers into the spike. She dives into the backroom to avoid getting her picture taken and the class adds to the collection of pictures of the back of her head.

Blair is heard cackling lecherously as he views negatives in the darkroom. He is quickly surrounded by fellow male journalism students checking out his compositions.

Bill sits reading his endles collection of love letters while contemplating brilliant leads like "Those aren't pine cones, those are mittens." He is coaxed into doing his rendition of the Ickey Shuffle which he has been practising for months in front of the mirror.

Elaine "Miss Entertainment" Wilson is "whalin away" on her computer producing solid copy for the Niagara News. At present she is working on a four-page feature on Rory with pix. She has already completed her story on Randy and has had a good start on the Felix.

As noon approaches, students get ready to participate in the class recreation schedule. Everybody, except Eric, forgets to bring gym clothes and it is cancelled again.

Focus on student government

Randy reflects on presidency

By MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

The elusive formula to increase the school spirit eluded Randy Conlon during his year as Student Administrative Council president but, as consolation, he is pleased to have been involved with laying the groundwork for the new Student Centre.

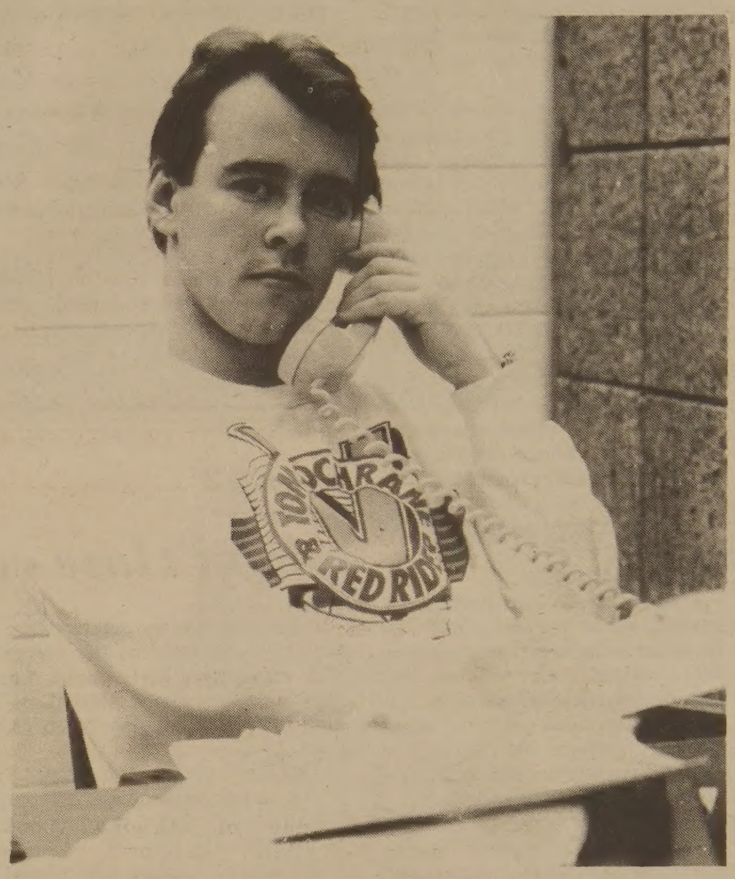
In a year which featured the usual student apathy and dissension among council members, Randy said, "Being president was the best learning experience a person can go through." He said he holds himself responsible for not being able to draw the student body out. "I feel we provided sufficient activities for students to get their money's worth. If I had to do it all over again there would be less pubs."

Personal high points of his term in office were marked by a meeting with Premier David Peterson and Ben Johnston, Canadian sprinter. As for council, "I'm proud of the way the staff performed. We worked in harmony 90 per cent of the time, and since we cleared the air, we've been doing fine."

Advice

Randy had advice for the next president. "There was no way I could have been effective in my graduating year. It's an unbelievable amount of work." He said the person who takes a job should take an interest in the Ontario Community Colleges Student Presidents Association and have a strong desire to see the plan for a student centre through.

The biggest disappointment during his term in office was the move by the Board of Directors to vote against SAC's recommendation to have a neutral chairman at their meetings. "I think it's pretty bad when after 10 months the board doesn't trust our judgments. It should have been rubber stamped."



RANDY CONLON

Randy said he put 110 per cent into his SAC responsibilities, and he doesn't want to be remembered as a person who didn't like the job. "It's easy to put a lot of effort into something you love. It's a cliche, but you only get out what you put in.

Fragmentation

Randy blamed fragmentation between the various programs as well as geographical isolation between the satellite campuses for the apathy problems at Niagara.

"It's nobody's fault. Until you take the job, it is hard to understand how difficult it is to involve the satellite campuses. I would like to see them completely self-sufficient from the Welland campus with their student fees going directly to them."

In the future, Randy would like to pursue a career in education. He said he would like to get a job at Niagara College working in a capacity that would promote the college system.

"I've learned that the college system is underrated. I would like to see more students in the high school system aware of what college offers."

Not Return

Randy, a first-year student in the Radio and Television program, will not return to Niagara as a student next year. If he does stay in school, he will pursue an English degree.

Peaks and valleys in year-end review

By BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

A review of the activities of SAC during the 1988-89 school year contains both peaks and valleys. Positive aspects were sometimes overshadowed by bickering, and financial setbacks at pubs.

The first Orientation Week was held at Niagara with events like Jello wrestling and Playfair attended by 150 first-year students. The Sept. 14 pub at the Aquaduck featured the Northern Pikes and was attended by 300 people.

Later in September, Peter Ruggiero organized Shinerama to benefit cystic fibrosis research. The $4,100 raised doubled last year's figure.

SAC sent a letter to the Board of Governors requesting they learn more about the provincial goverment's proposal to spend $100 million on college residences.

On Oct. 11, SAC's strength was sapped by resignations as Margaret Birney resigned as vice-president of internal affairs and was not replaced. Annarita Scremin replaced Brandy Milne as executive vice-president at the same meeting.

Procedures

At the Oct. 17 meeting, new election procedures were approved. Three hundred dollars was allocated to advertise the election and spending limits were imposed on candidates.

At the Oct. 24 meeting Peter Ruggiero, vice-president external, said, "The office is a complete disaster as far as I'm concrned." Despite four motions passed at the Sept. 19 meeting which restricted the number of guests, the office continued to have an "unbusinesslike atmosphere," he said.

The Underground pub on Oct. 19 was attended by only 50 people producing a loss of $1,150. "I'm not happy with the turnout but everyone here is having a good time," Felix Lostracco, social convener, said.

On Nov. 22 Randy spoke out in favor of a Student Centre. "I believe a Student Centre is essential for Niagara — we need it to compete with other colleges," Randy said. Plans were discussed for a centre costing $800,000 to $1 million with a general store, office space and a pub with a capacity of 400.

The plans were eventually modified to a 6,548 square foot complex which, if built, will be paid in part by a $20 tax levy on students.

The Nov. 23 David Wilcox pub was attended by more than 500 and made a profit of about $1,000. It was the first sell-out at the college in more than four years.

Resigned

At the Jan. 9 meeting, social convener Felix Lostracco resigned, effective Jan. 31, saying his SAC activities were interfering with his school work. The resignation set off a spree of recriminations in the press.

A motion at the next meeting to replace Felix immediately, was greeted angrily. "If I had more help, I probably wouldn't be leaving. It seems you guys are looking for another scapegoat," Felix said.

Randy, in an interview Jan. 25, threatened to resign and named his council who "haven't done anything" to help on Wintercourse.

Julie Boone, vice president, athletics, felt she was being left out of the decision-making process. "I can't talk to him (Randy). He takes everything personally and flips out."

"I didn't know there was a problem until I saw it in the paper," Peter said.

On Feb. 6, SAC voted to eliminate the position of vice-president, athletics. Julie handed a letter to each SAC member before the meeting outlining the reasons why the position should not be eliminated.

Blue Box

On Feb. 7, a Blue Box recycling program was started at the college by Peter who donated his time weekly for the collection of the waste. "Nobody helped me on recycling," Peter said.

The Wintercourse activities were sparsely attended. Only four people participated in the monkey golf tournament and nine in the Polar Dip. The Messenjah pub attended by 120 lost $4,000.

On Feb. 8, Tom Cochrane played to a sparse crowd of 150 and entertainment losses reached their zenith with a $7,200 loss. "The students let us down," Randy said.

Rejected

In a Feb. 20 meeting, the Board of Directors which comprises the SAC executive and four representatives of the administration, met with SAC to discuss constitutional changes. Two were rejected and only one accepted and SAC was shocked. "I was really disappointed in the administration," Randy said.

SAC Budget

The 1988-89 SAC operated with a budget of about $230,000 of which $130,000 is directly allocated to the students at the Welland campus. Last year's budget of $212,275 produced a year-end surplus of $46,114, Chris Naughton, vice-president, finance said.

The $70 activity fee goes to the budget of Student Administrative Council. Of this, $25 is allocated to athletics, $1.50 to peer tutoring and $1.50 to orientation, leaving $42 per student in the budget, he said.

Students attending satellite campuses have $25 of the remaining $42 allocated to activities on their campus. These campuses have their own student representatives who are responsible for the funds.

Estimated '88-'89 SAC Expenses

salaries, honorariums	$35,000	donations	$2,000
travel, conferences	$10,000	Wintercourse	$3,000
pub losses	$20,000	other activities	$5,000
liability insurance	$4,500	administration expenses	$3,000
photocopiers	$10,000	student centre allocation	$5,000
orientation	$3,000		
club grants	$3,000		$103,500

Comedians, strippers preferred activities

Bring on the comedians, local rock bands, strippers and video disc jockeys. A recent Niagara News survey found students would prefer these forms of entertainment on campus.

Of 31 students surveyed, only one attended last month's Cochrane flop, which lost $7,200.

One of the reasons for this lack of support was a dislike for the musician combined with an ignorance of his music, followed closely by a lack of time due to homework commitments. The average age of those surveyed was 23.

Some answers to the question: "What entertainment should SAC be getting?" were:

☐"Comedians — good bands which have played the area before, because people know who they are."
☐"Anybody who sings Top 40 or club dance music."
☐"More rock and roll music bands, and in better places."
☐"Comedians, hypnotists, singers people know and are interested in."
☐"Get a pub on campus, like most colleges."
☐"A band that plays more 'heavy metal' music. (Brighton Rock)."
☐"Dirty Deeds, Cherry Smash, Rockabye, Thunder Circus, Teenage Head."
☐"Strippers from the Sundowner," a hotel in Niagara Falls.

Printing action

Ever efficient Alice Moss unloads a bundle of Open House invitations from her trusty ABD offset printer. About 14,000 invitations will be distributed to potential students, schools, libraries, and businesses in hopes of maintaining and increasing enrolment and interest at Niagara College. It will be the first springtime Open House held in over 10 year and takes place at the Welland campus Sunday April 9 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Photo by Gail Atkinson

Info Act guards grades

Students must give written consent before marks can be posted, according to a new provincial legislation that protects privacy.

According to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Individual Privacy Act, students must give written consent to instructors before their marks can be posted or their reports placed in centralized location to be picked up.

"The Act protects students who object to posting marks and centralized location of papers," Ann Houtby, manager for Freedom of Information, said. "In the past, because there was no act to protect the students, posting marks was accepted; somewhere along the line, the government decided they must protect the privacy of the individual."

The Act, which went into effect Jan. 1, "gives the public greater access to information concerning the way the college conducts its business while protecting the privacy of persons whose information is held by the institution."

KEPT PRIVATE

Under the Act, personal information about an identifiable individual including "race, national ethnic origin, color, religion, age, sex, or sexual orientation; education, and criminal history," must be kept private by the college unless a waiver or consent is signed by the person in question.

But some personal information is considered necessary for the operation of the institution and does not require written consent, Mrs. Houtby said.

"If we are going to do something with your information expected as part of the regular workings of the college, then we do not have to have consent."

The Act says students have the right to obtain past exams and papers, have access to student evaluation forms made by instructors, and have "evaluative opinions of selection committee(s) for admission/awards" released upon request.

GIVEN NOTICE

When asked for personal information, a student must be given a notice which contains "the legal authority for the collection; the principal purposes or purposes for which the personal information is intended to be used; and the title, business address and business telephone number of a public official who can answer the individual's question about the collection."

Although the Act became law at the first of the year, the college has maintained its regular practice.

"When something new comes in, it has to be phased in. The impact is a colossal amount of work."

Mrs. Houtby said the Act is not meant "to encumber the institution" but thinks the adjustment to the new paperwork may cause the Registar to be "formed to death."

"It will be a lot of work as to figure how to handle it. I'm sure we will fall back into business as usual."

She expects most of the consent be given on a student/instructor basis.

Save $2

Don't lose college tax form

If you're a student and have not received your income tax forms you may have to pay $2 for reproductions, Carol Desrochers, clerk in the Registrar's office, said.

The two forms, the T2202A education deduction and the official tuition receipt, were mailed to all students Feb. 24.

If the forms are lost, $2 is charged for the reproduction of each.

Mrs. Desrochers said students have been confused about the receipt because it does not include student activity fees.

She said another area of confusion for students involves an actual change in income tax regulations.

This is the first time that this school year's entire tuition cannot be claimed in the 1988 income tax return because the school year runs into 1989.

She said tuition for this school year is divided in half to determine the 1988 portion.

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Future entrepreneurs, this one's for you

Being your own boss has advantages. You can set your own hours, and best of all, you can decide what days you take off.

A seminar offering free advice to students who want to set up their own business will be held Tuesday, March 14, in ME 106 at noon.

Speakers from the Ontario Ministry of Skills Development Services Youth Employment Branch will tell students about Start Up programs which provide interest-free loans and business advice.

"We hope that these campus visits will make more students aware of the rewards of starting up a business and the programs that are available to help them get on their way," Barb Storrison, Youth Employment Services Branch, said.

Last year, more than 2,000 young entrepreneurs started businesses in Ontario with the government programs.

Student Venture Capital provides interest-free loans of up to $3,000 to students for starting a summer business while the Youth Venture Capital program provides up to $7,500 interest-free to people between 19 and 28 years old not attending school full time.

$1,000 donation

The students in the construction program are $500 closer to purchasing a new digitizer, used for estimating sizes and volumes from blueprints, thanks to the General Contractors Association of Niagara. Presenting the donation was Brian Wild (left), general manager of the GCAN. Accepting the cheque was Ted Froese (centre), and Dan Wallman, both second-year students in the program.

Photo by Mark Tayti

CRNC raises $500

A $500 donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation was raised by Niagara College's radio and television program's radio station. Those people who donated a song to their loved one(s) for $1 at CRNC's dedication-on-location Feb. 7 to 14, helped support the foundation at the same time.

In addition to RTV's $450, the Student Administrative Council donated $50.

Dave Somerville, second-year business sales student, won a chauffered limousine to dinner for two at the Skylon Tower in Niagara Falls, when his name was drawn from a list of donors.

Other prizes were a Sony Walkman for Elizabeth Santarella; Free 8 X 10s at Sooters, Chris Peros and Mike Tronso; Gift Certificate at L.A. EXPRESS, Melanie Shuker; week's pass at Fitness Plus, Kianne Morris, Sue Spolestra, Andrew Earle, Carolyn Drewery and Karen Serell; and a free workout at Fitness Plus, Rita Colliton, Omar Haceb, Darren Maidens.

Dan Harkins, second-year RTV student, came up with the idea about two weeks earlier; "I thought it would be a great way to raise money and get people aware that there is still a radio station."

Their original goal was $500. John Robertson, promotional director of CRNC and second-year student, said, "Everybody's been really positive. In the future we hope to raise money for speakers."

Those who gave $5 received records of stars like Northern Pikes, Rush, the Spoons and Roy Orbison, donated by Virgin and Anthem Records.

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Sports

An I.C.H.L. referee blows the play dead after the Penn State goalie covers up following a wicked barrage of Knight shots. The Knights overcame a grueling six-hour bus ride, hostile crowd, and inconsistent refereeing to win the Feb. 17 hockey game 6-3. Photo by Blair Burgess

Knights revive hot rivalry, take two of three from Penn

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

The Knights revived a hot rivalry by taking two of three games from Penn State over the weekends of Feb. 25 and Feb. 18.

On Friday Feb. 24 at the Welland arena, the Lions handed the Knights their second regular season loss 5-4. It was the most exciting game of the season.

Penn State's Josh O'Connor scored at 5:49 of overtime when he put a rebound by Niagara goalie Brian Collins.

Collins played a solid game in goal for the Knights, blocking 31 of 36 shots.

Niagara ran out of gas after taking a 4-2 first period lead as playing three games in a week took its toll on the Knights.

"We wore them out," Joe Battista, the Penn State coach, said exuberantly after the game. "I told the boys it was our game between the second and third period, and it was. I just can't say enough about our team."

JUMPED AHEAD

The Knights jumped ahead 2-0 on goals by Nick Minken and Jamie MacAskill before Penn State replied with two goals of their own.

Rod Estabrook and Mike Mooradian returned the two-goal cushion with power play markers.

However, after the first period, Niagara failed to mount any offensive pressure and Penn State tied the game with two third-period markers.

Saturday night, the Knights got back on the winning track with a hard fought 8-5 victory.

Trailing 5-3 into the third period, Niagara scored five unanswered goals.

Stu Gallardi just back from a two-game suspension, notched both the tying and game winning goals for the fired-up Knights.

Rod Estabrook set up the tying goal by taking a hit along the boards and feeding Stu who put the puck by the Penn State goalie at the 14:09 mark. Dan Ruetz added an assist.

UNASSISTED

Then eight seconds later, Stu scored unassisted when Penn State's defence couldn't handle a passback after the faceoff. Stu skated in alone and picked the top corner with a wrist shot.

"The Ruetz, Gallardi and Estabrook line exploded," Fred Bassi, the coach of the Knights, said after juggling his lines all game to find a winning combination. "That line looks like it's got a bit of hustle. We'll keep them together for the playoffs."

Joe Battista, Penn State coach, blamed the loss on referee Denis Dignaud.

"He just gave the game," he said. "That was the worst homer job I have ever seen. I can't wait until we get them at home in the playoffs."

Earlier in the period, Blake Sawyer started to comeback at 15:04 when he converted a power play after a goal mouth scramble. Chris Vandermeer and Jamie MacAskill picked up assists on the goal.

KEY TO VICTORY

A key to the Knight's victory was the play of Mike Martineau. The six-foot, 230-pound defenceman is usually content to take his man out of the play and move the puck out of his end smartly. However, he was incensed when the Lions took a couple of runs at him and proceeded to crunch, crush and crack the opposition left, right and centre, giving the Knights some inspiration. Furthermore, Mike added two goals on rushes from his defensive position.

Nick Minken, a checking winger, scored from behind the net by banking a shot off a Penn State defenceman, a la Wayne Gretzky.

Jim Darling kept his unbeaten string intact by stopping 38 shots.

WON IT

James Ward and Brian Rome added short-handed empty net goals to secure the victory.

On Feb. 17 at State College Pa., the Knights shook off the effects of a six-hour bus ride for a 6-3 victory in front of a hostile crowd of 3,500 rabid Penn State supporters.

The turning point in the game occurred in the third period when the Lions had two goals called back. The first was nullified because it was directed with a hand and the second, because of rarely called crease interference.

In the third period, the Knights held off the Lions' rally before Ken Bilodeau and Mike Mooradian scored in the last minute to put the game away. It was Niagara's first ever regular season victory at Penn State.

Jim Denardi, Stu Gallardi, James Ward and Brian Rome all tallied for the Knights who led 1-0 after a period and 2-1 after two.

Both goalies, Jim Darling for Niagara and Eric Zinczenko, had scintillating performances. Zinczenko made 24 stops while Darling blocked 34.

New rugby team almost off ground

The fight to establish a rugby team at Niagara College is not over.

Bruce Barr, an ambulance student, will try to get the team off the ground again this spring.

He tried in the fall but said he started a bit late.

"All I did in the fall was get names," Bruce said. "We got about 12 which is a good base."

A rugby team has 15 players a side, and Bruce said he needs about 20 to comfortably fill the roster.

Interested players were invited for a Monday practice at the Welland Minor Soccer Club dome., The team will practise with the Niagara Wasps, an area club team.

A Niagara College team would probably play second division teams from Toronto and possibly the Brock team, Bruce said.

Niagara team to beat at upcoming tourney

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

Niagara's hockey Knights will go into this weekend's International Collegiate Hockey League tournament the team to beat. They won 14 of 18 league games — the only losses to Penn State, Erie Community College, and Buffalo State — and opponents will be gunning for them.

The Knights split with second place **Buffalo State** their three meetings. Even though the Bengals added some players after the Christmas break and beat the Knights 5-2 in the last game of the season, they just don't have the talent to fight off the Knights. However, with six foot two goalie Tim Nowak and emotional coach Nick Ferrantino, the Bengals could give any team in a tournament a scary time.

The third place **University of Buffalo** won their first seven games but slumped since. Beaten by Niagara 7-1 and 9-7, the Herd is a good offensive team lead by shifty Rich Miller but goaltending is a weakness. They move the puck around efficiently, making their power play something to be reckoned with — a definite strength against the penalty prone Knights.

DECEIVING RECORD

The **Conestoga Condors**, the only other Canadian team in the league, could be a stronger team but they habitually play with 10 or 12 skaters. Furthermore they've played in six overtime games so their three and nine record is deceiving. However, realistically they don't have a chance.

Penn State has the best chance to slay the Knights. They are the only team who can physically stand up to the Niagara's intimidating speed and size. Captain Kevin Stevenson is "the heart and soul" of Penn State's team, according to enthusiastic Joe Battista, the coach.

State's strengths are their tenacious checking forwards like Stevenson and pesky Mike Riddile. They are the only team which bottled Niagara in their own end and created the extra chances. Strength number two is the venue of the championship tournament: StateCollege Pa. The Lions come out roaring in front of their capacity crowd and feed off their fans intensity. However, even with these strengths, they lost the season series to the Knights two games to one.

IMMOBILE DEFENCE

The Lions' weakness is an immobile defence which is at the mercy of Niagara speedsters Blake Sawyer, Stu Gallardi, and Chris Vandermeer and Rod Estabrook.

With a 14-3-1 regular season record, the **Niagara** is the favorite. When the Knights have found themselves in trouble this year, it's been because of penalties. With the quality of the refereeing never assured, the Knights will need composure.

Niagara's strengths are many. They have the best goaltender in the league in Jim Darling. Confident and with cat-quick reflexes, Jim carries a 2.87 goals-against average into the tournament and hasn't been beaten in an ICHL game since March 1988. Brian Collins provides back-up support and would start for most teams in the league.

The Knights have a mobile defence consisting of experienced Brian Rome, captain Jim Beattie, gigantic Mike Martineau, unsung Paul Taylor, and rookie Ken Bilodeau. They break-out of their own zone efficiently and have the size to win most of the battles in the corner or in front of the net.

QUALITY FORWARDS

Up front, the Knights possess quality forwards. Fire power is provided by snipers Blake Sawyer and Chris Vandermeer. Truculent Dan Ruetz gives the team an enforcer with offensive talent (no pun intended), while Jim Denardi, Rod Estabrook, and Mike Mooradian win most of the battles in corners.

ICHL Final Standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Niagara College	18	14	3	1	29	118	61
Penn State	18	10	7	1	21	114	76
Buffalo State	18	12	5	1	25	110	75
University of Buffalo	18	12	6	0	24	106	88
Erie Community College	18	7	11	0	14	88	94
Conestoga College	18	6	12	0	12	73	98
University of Rochester	18	0	17	1	1	41	165

Sports

Women's v-ball steps up

For their second year in the league, second place of 11 teams this year is a big step for the women's volleyball team, from last year's 10th place finish.

"We're definitely improving the program," Coach Judy Halaiko said.

The Knights had an outstanding season. But in their last game of 1989, played that fateful Saturday, Feb., 18, not in Mudville, but in Ancaster, at the OCAA division II championship, they spiked out.

"Unfortunately, we chose to have a bad game when it really counted. It did not indicate the capability of the team, that's for sure," Miss Halaiko said. "It's hard to end the season with a bad game like that, but they have nothing to be ashamed of."

It was the game they had to win. There was a full count against them going in.

They'd lost against Algonquin Caats in their first match in the tournament the day before, 15-8, 11-15, 12-15.

SHRIEKS, SCREAMS

Later that same day, the Knights lined up across the back of court two during warm-up smashes facing the Lambton Lions in a pre-game assessment. Shrieks and screams and bleacher booms sounded through the gymnasium from adjacent court one, where the home team, Redeemer Royals, were winning and causing distraction for the Knights. "Yeah, it's a little loud," Sharon Grenier said in agreement with other Knight team members.

With the slap of the first serve, the Knights easily overcame all distractions and outclassed them 15-5, 15-7. Lyn Brochu and Tami James held five and six serves respectively for the Knights.

"There's no comparison, is there?" Miss Halaiko asked rhetorically. There really wasn't.

But the outlook wasn't brilliant for the Niagara eight that Saturday. The score stood 1-1, with but one match more to play. Against Cambrian's Golden Shield, the Knights should have rocked, but they stumbled. They could have beaten them but didn't. The first game was so close. Long rallies, deep digs, tense volleys. Cambrian screeched with disbelieving glee at each consecutive point they made. The second game was not so close. The Knights made the same errors, got caught in the same spots and couldn't maintain their killing energy; 12-15, 4-15.

NOT HERE

"We beat 'em, we beat 'em!" Cambrian cheered when it was done.

Somewhere in the OCAA, the sun is shining bright, and music is playing and hearts are light. Probably at Loyalist College in Belleville, they were undefeated all season and won the championship. But there is no joy in Mudville, or at Niagara — our mighty Knights have spiked out.

"We lost five players this year and we spent most of the year playing tournaments without a starting six and interestingly, by the end of the year didn't have a starting six," said Miss. Halaiko. "But, I'm really impressed because they really came through as a team. They are really incredible the way they came through. They are all stars."

Second place finish second year in row

The Niagara men's varsity volleyball team took the silver medal for the second consecutive year at the OCAA division II championship in Ottawa Feb. 17 and 18.

The Knights settled for the silver medal after being swept 15-7, 15-8, and 15-8 by St. Lawrence College of Kingston in the championship game.

With only 30 minutes to rest for the finals, the Knights could not mount much of an offence. They made only 21 spikes and blocked just eight.

Captain Dave Hartman was the top spiker with seven, while Marc Sigouin had six, and Brian MacDonald and Chris Mudjar three each.

BEAT SIR SANDFORD

The Knights advanced to the finals by beating a small but quick Sir Sandford Fleming team and their all-star hitter Richard Yantha 15-13, 5-15, 9-15, 15-7 and 15-9.

Marc Sigouin led the Knights' offence with 20 kills, while Dave Hartman added 13, Chris Mudjar 10, Rene Lanoix eight, and Brian MacDonald and Jim Miller four each.

In the quarter finals, Niagara rolled over Cambrian, the first place finishers in regular season play, 15-4, 15-3, and 15-5.

Dave Hartman had 11 kills, Marc Sigouin 10, Brian MacDonald eight, Chris Mudjar five, and Jim Miller four. Defensively, Rene Lanoix, the smallest player on the court, stuffed five Cambrian spikes, and Chris Mudjar stopped four.

In their opening match of the tournament on Friday, the Knights decimated Confederation College in three straight games, 15-8, 15-2, and 15-4. Dave Hartman and Marc Sigouin combined for 24 kills each to lead Niagara while Brian MacDonald picked up 16 service points and Rene Lanoix 12. Scott Young provided the Knights with solid defence.

Niagara lost their second match to St. Lawrence of Kingston 15-4, 14-16, 15-8, 15-6 as they failed to hold leads in each of the first four games. Niagara displayed a strong attack picking up 49 kills, but couldn't stop Cambrian's high octane offence. They blocked only 15 spikes.

Brian MacDonald and Dave Hartman were the top hitters with 11, while Marc Sigouin added nine, Scott Young eight, and Chris Mudjar seven.

Smashing badminton season

The best performances by badminton teams from Niagara College ever seen by Coach Mark Nelson, once a national champion, were played at the OCAA championships Feb. 24-25, at Redeemer College in Ancaster.

Penny Ancker and Ginette Thivierge, women's doubles, brought home the bronze after a controversial match against Canadore, North Bay, which could have cinched them the silver. After defeating Fanshawe, London, 16-18, 15-10, 15-8, they met Canadore and killed them in the first game 15-5. In came the crux and out went the shuttlecock.

Niagara made a line call at their lead of 8-2. Canadore questioned, complained, and intimidated and "our girls just fell apart," Mr. Nelson said. "They may disagree, but from a coaching/playing standpoint, I really don't think they recovered after that. I've seen it happen before."

The team never made a point after the call, losing 15-8.

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1989-90 budget report predicts deficit cut

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☐ $32,000 cost — four part-time or sessional staff to be "converted" into full-time positions, relating to program improvements, increase in program activity and the replacement of an employee on long-term disability.
☐ $32,000 cost — additional part-time staff for program expansions and an expansion of activities at the Tourism/Hospitality Training Centre.

REVENUE TARGETS
☐$97,000 increase for calendar continuing education activity.
☐$74,000 increase in contract training activity.
☐$65,000 increase from 100 additional students.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
☐ $200,000 reduction in revenue for items previously budgeted for, but not applicable to the 1989/90 budget, such as interest revenue and the sale of fixed assets.
☐ $57,000 reduction in repairs and maintenance budget for both Welland and the St. Catharines campus, based on past experience.
☐$50,000 increase to the marketing budget to "enhance" its activities.
☐ $45,000 increase in the continuing education administration fee, relating to the proposed implementation of a parking policy.
☐ $39,000 reduction in the day-care fee revenue to reflect a "reduced level of participation" and a $25,000 reduction of financial support by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.
☐$38,000 ministry approved increase in Continuing Education fees.
☐ $31,000 savings in the mainframe computer maintenance contract.
☐ $17,000 cost to "support" the Student Enrolment Management Program to "maximize" enrolment.
☐$16,000 gain from miscellaneous adjustments to other revenue accounts.

FORMULA INADEQUATE

The report emphasized the inadequacy of the ministry's funding formula — annual increases are based on Niagara's share of the provincial enrolment. The 3.2 per cent ministry grant for 1989/90 fell short of the 6.5 per cent needed to cover anticipated salary increases (including rate and merit increases as well as job equity adjustments). It also stated that Niagara's level of funding has been below the provincial average for all colleges for the last eight years, which, in turn, has been below the rate of inflation for most years.

Issues "not yet clarified or resolved" may also have a "significant impact" on the budget. They include sales tax recoveries, the food service contract and grants and purchased services from agencies including the Ministry of Community and Social Services, international education, and contract apprenticeship.

The college is now "cutting essential services that leave (it) vulnerable in terms of maintaining a reasonable quality of student life as well as meeting various legislative requirements." The elimination of Niagara's health centre staff was cited as an example.

TO BREAKING POINT

The report continues, "Additional cuts can only mean the further elimination of essential services or a serious reduction in the quality of those services." Recommendations for the coming year are "stretching many of the staff to the breaking point."

"We have serious concerns about the ability of our staff to continue to remain effective under these conditions and seriously question how much longer the college can continue to operate before stress and other factors begin to create a dysfunctional situation," the report said.

The report concluded with the suggestion that the level of funding must be increased in order for the college to meet its mandate. "Until this is done, we have no choice but to continue to review our operations in an effort to maintain the most efficient operation possible."

Teens shop for careers

Grade 8 students from Carmel school visited Niagara College last month as part of a program called Project Business. The field trip was to give the class a broader scope when considering future careers.

"They're learning a lot and they're having fun," Paul Bongers, volunteer instructor for Project Business, said of the Feb. 17 visit. "Today is a good day for them because they're out of school."

Project Business is a one-hour elective sponsored by Junior Achievement; it teaches practical business insights and practical lifeskills at several public schools in the region; classes are taught by local businessmen working with teachers to provide knowledge "that goes beyond textbook skills."

Accompanying Mr. Bongers and the 18 students on the tour were Dennis Spadafore, Carmel School teacher; and Patricia Faragalli, college employee, and secondary school liaison officer. The group toured the broadcasting program, the fashion arts program, the Computer Centre, the computer-aided drafting and design lab, the dental clinic and the Early Childhood Development Centre.

Board of Directors denies SAC

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want someone over there making sure that we get something for it," he said.

If we (the council) wanted to change something, like start up a basketball team again, they would laugh us out of the gym," Elaine said. "They (athletics) are a separate entity."

Randy said the council is not eliminating the liaison; "we're just redefining it and making it a non-paid position."

He felt that, like group representatives, the vice-president of athletics represents a smaller division within the college and thus should not receive a honorarium.

"If you look at the organization, group representatives are representing the students in each area," Mrs. Fox said. "The vice-president of athletics would represent every student."

"Just as you want to give the social convener vice-president status, you are down this position," Mrs. Ferguson said.

Randy said he feels there is no way SAC's decision-making should be overruled by administration.

JULIE HAPPY

I'm ecstatic," Julie Boone, vice-president of athletics, said after the meeting of the decision to keep the position.

The proposal was defeated in a six-to-five vote held as a secret ballot.

Randy said the social convener has always been looked at as the lowest member without the title of vice-president; he would like to see the title changed to vice-president of social affairs so that the person holding the position will be seen as equal to the rest of the council.

Mrs. Ferguson asked if the change in title would change the amount of honorarium received, and if the duties would change. Randy said the only thing that would change would be that the vice-president of social affairs would no longer have to report to the vice-president of internal affairs.

Mr. Larose said it was not inappropriate "if the chair speaks against others, as long as debate is not limited by the chair."

Elaine said the council wants someone who is neutral. "We want the president, in the first term, to offer his vote."

"I think what we're trying to do is give each council member the opportunity to inject opinion and vote at every meeting," Rory MacKenzie, group representative, said.

Julie felt the position of vice-president of athletics still warrants an honorarium and that the job description should be expanded; "give it more duties."

Peter Ruggiero, vice-president of external affairs, said even though the board members have a vote on the proposed changes, "I think we (the council) are in the best position to make the decisions."

Students get sea legs in course

Twenty-six students at the St. Catharines campus are getting their sea legs in a 10-week continuous course in marine engineering and navigation. The course is operated by a group of local shipping companies.

The course rents three rooms at the St. Catharines campus and has three instructors. "Two instructors are on deck-side (navigation) and one instructor is on the engineering side," Mike Pratt, navigation instructor, said.

"We're affiliated with the Niagara Peninsula Marine School," Mr. Pratt said. The shipping companies in the area formed the NPMS to try to organize the teaching, and the schedule is similar to previous years, he said.

"From our side, it's useful for students interested in the commercial end of the shipping business."

"We teach a certain aspect, purely academic." The course is preparation for Department of Transport exams. To complete their licences students have to take marine emergency shipping courses at Port Colborne. They are run by Upper Lakes Shipping, he said.

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Book Reviews

Fulford mixes honesty and humor

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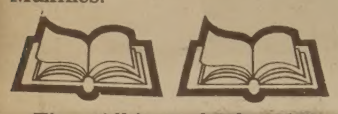
Tips, tidbits, unfortunate breaks in 35 year quest for excellence

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

How presumptuous for a fledgling writer to review the work of an established author, yet how appropriate in the case of Peter Gzowski's autobiographical The Private Voice. He would appreciate the reflection.

It is primarily his journal of reflections, what it was to want to write, to learn the craft and develop with it. Mr. Gzowski relates a private account of his family, and his golf game, and his public life in reporting, writing and broadcasting with passion which invites presumption.

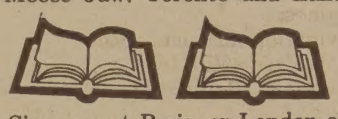
He is weathered in several fields: 35 long years on the quest for literary excellence and longer years than those in the bushes of back nines searching for hooked Maxflies.



Tips, tidbits and tales of good breaks, struggles, and unfortunate failures, in a business easily seen as one he loves and lives for, next to his beloved but flailing golf game, are intermixed with poignant recollections. He remembers people and places with remarkable detail, maintained through years of note-writing, stashing in pockets, and rediscovering after a cycle of laundry. What serious writer can't relate to that?

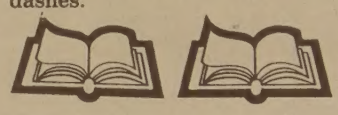
Elements of familiarity become novelty in reading this book about becoming a writer and leading the transient life of one. How many of the same mistakes, the same successes and patterns continue to contribute to the familiar cycle of mistakes, struggles and successes in the lives of working and wannabe writers?

He is sympathetic to the aspirations and agonies of reporters and authors. This, his eighth book, written during his sixth season as host of CBC radio's Morningside, is a diary of sorts; the chronicle of a year in radio, flow broken by flashbacks to his youth, his first job at a paper, travels to Timmins, Moose Jaw. Toronto and Lake

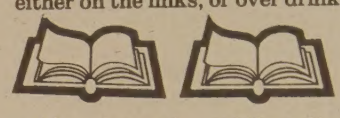


Simcoe, not Paris, or London or Moscow; people, interviews, editorships, and all the solo and collaborative efforts that kept him up late, before and after copious amounts of alcohol, an apparent must in sombre days of sieving through copy.

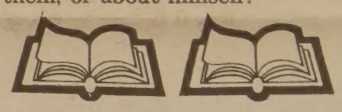
But wonderful words describe wonderful settings and wonderful people in this wonderful book. No warts, just wonder. This can be the only constructive critique of content, fledgling reviewer or not. And that Mr. Gzowski is dash happy — a page cannot be perused without being dogged by dashes.



After naming everyone who was anyone in the Canadian magazine industry through the era of its adolescence, he and his pals who brought it to where it is today by trial, eror and incestuous network, he refers to their strengths, achievements, and other flattering indulgent description. He names his student associates at the Varsity, his buddies in reporting at the Moose Jaw Herald, where he was the youngest senior editor anywhere at the time, his mentors, his editors, his assistants, his friends, his fellow writers, all in personal contexts, of course, either on the links, or over drinks.



Almost conscious of the tedium of his who's who, Mr. Gzowski switches from saga paragraphs to simple lists. Lists of names, by the dozens. Recall anyone over 40 devotedly or remotely related to the business of writing and they're on the list — Robert Fulford, Pierre Berton, Jack McClelland, Graeme Gibson, June Callwood, etc., etc., etc. — and it just doesn't stop. His relationship with so many famed Canadian writers is awe-inspiring indeed, but is this a book for or about them, or about himself?



Mr. Gzowski would say they are all a part of who he is. He knows these people on a personal level, as friends, as people who have had their own successes and failures, highlights and pitfalls.

It is a book of life and of lives. It is funny, sad, dramatic, exciting and could be a trip down memory lane for anyone who ever met him, for many he has met are included in it. It is a history of Canadian writing and his part in it.

Recollections explored in Atwood's latest

By ERIC BEYER
Staff Writer

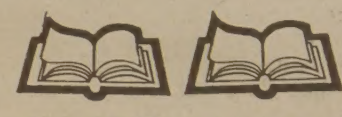
The current national bestseller, Cat's Eye, the latest offering from Margaret Atwood, is about vision, about viewing life from a coldly detached perspective.

Told in the first person, the story is about a painter, Elaine Risley. The setting is Toronto to which Elaine returns for an exhibition after years away; but the story is interspersed with flashbacks of her earlier difficult years, from eight to midlife, before she moved away.

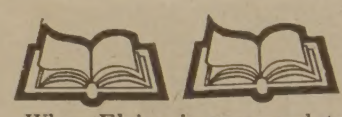
On the surface, Elaine's life is slightly absurd, which may or may not be normal. But Elaine's disturbing insights and perceptions into life, a theme Atwood likes to explore, are unconventional and illuminate the enigma of life.

While Elaine is very young her family — two parents and an older brother, Stephen — move often in a low-slung, boat-sized Studebaker, living in motels and cabins. Then the father gets a new job, from forest-insect field researcher to university professor.

The family moves to Toronto where Elaine lives her formative years and confronts life's exigencies.



The adult Elaine looks back at the child Elaine in the city and watches her life develop; to what extent was she an active participant in life? or a bystander, who let life's quirky happenings shape her future? Only the readers can wonder about these questions because Elaine never fully confronts them.

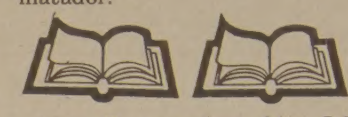


When Elaine is pressured to make a decision with someone close to her in the balance, she is strangely aloof, even cold. She has an affair with her middle-aged, immigrant art professor, Josef Hrbik, while another student, Susie, is doing the same. Susie, after Josef refuses to marry her, makes herself abort their child and is taken to the hospital.

Josef turns to Elaine for support, who loses interest and leaves him:

"You are cruel to me," says Josef. This was something he used to say before, in a sexual context, teasing. Now he is right. Now he is right.

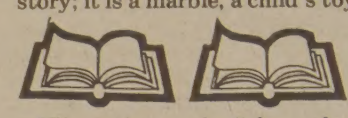
"...He gives me a pained, reproachful stare, drawing himself up into the proud, theatrical, poker-up-the-bum stance of a matador.



"I walk away from him. It's enormously pleasing to me, this act of walking away. It's like being able to make people appear and vanish, at will."

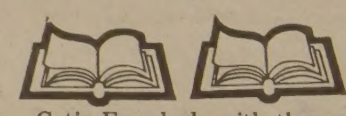
Two notable symbols of Elaine's detachment are the cat's eye and microscope.

She looks at life through the cold, inhuman stare of the cat's eye. It is a central motif of the story; it is a marble, a child's toy.



The cat's eye is "clear glass with a bloom of colored petals in the centre," and she further explains, "The cat's eyes really are like eyes, but not the eyes of cats. They're the eyes of something that isn't known but exists anyway; like the green eye of the radio; like the eyes of aliens from a distant planet."

As young children, Elaine and Stephen use the microscope to examine human fibre and excrement. The microscope magnifies, enlarges what is imperceptible to the unaided eye: "We pull hairs out of our heads to look at them, hard and shiny like the bristles that grow out of chitonous skins of insects, with the hair roots at the end like tiny onion bulbs ... The scabs look like rocks, bumpy, with a sheen like silica; or else some kind of fungus."



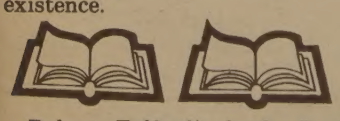
Cat's Eye deals with the protagonist's coldly detached view of life. Not unlike Joyce's dim-sighted Stephen Dedalus, another bystander, Elaine usually finds herself a slave to circumstance; the best she can do is watch life transpire slowly and dissipate.

Honesty plays important part in book's appeal

BY BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

At age 16 "little chunks" of his writing had already appeared in all three Toronto newspapers. He dropped out of high school at 18 to become an editorial employee of the Globe and Mail, writing sports.

He would become the editor of an internationally recognized Canadian magazine which perched precariously on the edge of bankruptcy throughout its existence.



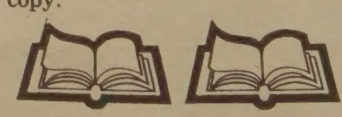
Robert Fulford's book, Best Seat In The House, is a collection of anecdotes about many of the lead players in the Canadian cultural and artistic world. The former editor of Saturday Night magazine and present host of TVO's Realities, provides the reader with an insider's view to magazine and news writing in Canada.

The book subtitled Memoirs Of A Lucky Man chronicles Robert Fulford's rise from a high-school dropout, who went to work at the Globe and Mail when high school became an imposition on his journalism career.

"My typewriter was all that stood between me and high school, and I banged away at it urgently," he writes. Eighteen years old, he was writing sports stories on lacrosse, table tennis, and lawn bowling. "I had to cover high school football and all the other obscure sports everyone else was too important to write about."

His father, a respected editor, called the Quint Man by Mackenzie King (for his news stories on the Dionne quintuplets), encouraged his writing. He would send critiques of his son's articles the same day they appeared.

"To this day I think of him, lovingly, whenever I strike 'very' from my own or someone else's copy."



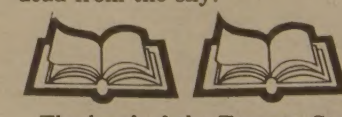
Robert Fulford concentrates on many of the personalities he met in his career in journalism. The meteoric rise to acclaim of his childhood friend, Glenn Gould, and their eventual estrangement is the most serious part of the book.

Humor is mixed in to entertain the reader and Mr. Fulford displays a dry wit and an ability to laugh at himself. Honesty is an important part of the book's appeal.

"As a teenager and young man Glenn had the curious habit of speaking with a German accent when discussing a German composer or book."

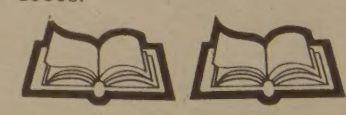
Glenn's music was "the real beginning of my life as as thinking adult" and helped make music central to Mr. Fulford's life.

"I am distinctly unmusical. When I sing — that is when I cannot be prevented from singing — my daughters wince and birds fall dead from the sky."

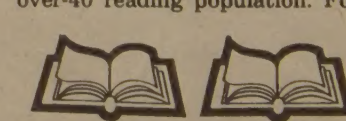


The head of the Toronto Star, Beland Honderich, is given a respectful mention. "I may be the only human who worked under Honderich for some years, profited by it, and left without serious complaint."

"Honderich himself sits silently at the centre of his empire, unmoved by events around him, unchanging in his views: I don't believe he has altered one of his political ideas since the late 1950s."



Robert Fulford's book contains many stories about noted Canadians whose names and exploits will be most familiar to the over-40 reading population. For



younger readers, some of the names will be familiar but the book's real value is as an insider's study of the progress and current state of print media in Canada.

Another $1,000 donation

The first official meeting of the Niagara College Foundation board of directors was given a grand introduction on Feb. 20 when a delegation from the calendar department presented Paul Leon, foundation chairman, with a cheque for $1,000.

The money was raised through raffling off a case of champagne given by Hillebrand Estate and Wines.

"We did it because we have always enjoyed good co-operation from the Hospitality Centre," Candace Paris, who has since resigned from the calendar department, said. The calendar department is a division of Continuing Education.

The entire staff of the calendar department took part in the fundraiser to buy equipment for the new Hospitality Centre. Tickets were printed up and sold for $5 each, mostly around the school. The money was raised in about five weeks.

Presenting the cheque with Mrs. Paris are Sue Tallon, Shirley Tomovic, Shirley Lethby, Jane Weeks, and Ross Sawle.

Photo by Mark Tayti

Next Council meeting mixed bag of goodies

The new paid parking policy and Vision 2000 are on the agenda for this Tuesday's meeting of the College Council to be held at the St. Catharines campus.

The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in Room 223.

Other important items on the agenda include the report from Jacqueline Robarts, president; program clustering and campus locations, student record policy and the permanence of failing grades.

Sub-committees will be struck for the following areas: structure of college day and timetables, liaison with high schools and universities, college image, and general education component.

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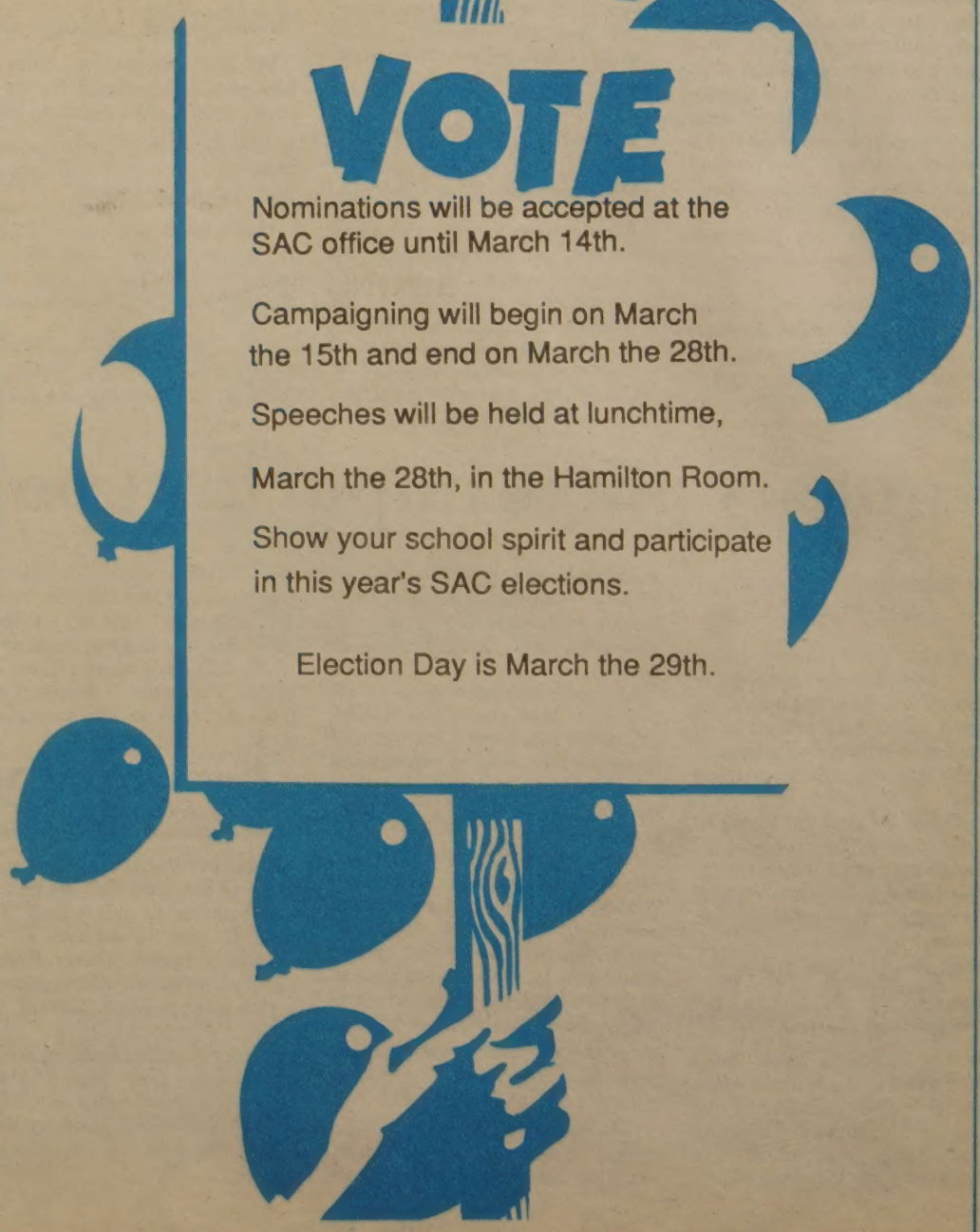

Nominations will be accepted at the SAC office until March 14th.

Campaigning will begin on March the 15th and end on March the 28th.

Speeches will be held at lunchtime, March the 28th, in the Hamilton Room.

Show your school spirit and participate in this year's SAC elections.

Election Day is March the 29th.